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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

6. (Previously Amended) A method of identifying a FK506 analog that stimulates nerve cell growth, the method comprising:

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screening a plurality of FK506 analogs for binding to FKBP-12;

selecting a FK506 analog that has an apparent K_d for FKBP-12 of greater than 100 μM ;

and

assaying the FK506 analog for activity in promoting nerve cell growth, thereby identifying a FK506 analog that stimulates nerve cell growth.